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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The request for deferral/suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103 has been approved.

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DETAILED ACTION

Please note that the Examiner of record and art unit has changed. The Examiner of record is now **Joseph T. Woitach** and the group art unit is now **1632**.

This application, filed July 2, 1999, claims benefit of foreign applications: GB 9814536.0, filed July 3, 1998, and GB 9827152.1, filed December 9, 1998, both filed in Great Britain.

Applicants' after final amendment filed May 14, 2002, paper number 22, has been received and entered. Claim 48 has been canceled. Claims 1, 12, 14, 20, 38 and 92 have been amended. Claims 1-47 and 49-92 are pending. Claims 16, 22, 25-37, 46 and 49-91 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made without traverse in Paper No. 17. Claims 1-15, 17-21, 23, 24, 38-45, 47, 48 and 92 are currently under examination.

A reference relevant to the examination of this application may soon become available. *Ex parte* prosecution is **SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS** from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.


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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Woitach whose telephone number is (703)305-3732.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Deborah Reynolds, can be reached at (703)305-4051.

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Papers related to this application may be submitted by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CM1 Fax Center numbers are (703)308-4242 and (703)305-3014.

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